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TRA Responds to Oklahoma Court Ruling on National Do-Not-Call Program

Nashville, Tennessee - Although the Federal Do-Not-Call program and the Tennessee Do-Not-Call are united in a common goal to provide relief to consumers from unwanted telephone solicitation calls, the federal and state programs are two separate and distinct programs.

"It is unfortunate that hundreds of thousands of the consumers in other states may be without a program that provides some measure of relief from unwanted telemarketing calls," said TRA Chairman Debi Tate. "However, Tennessee consumers will continue to enjoy the protections offered by the Tennessee Do-Not-Call program.

"With over 900,000 Tennesseans and 50 million numbers on the national list, obviously this program has been extremely successful with consumers," Tate added.

The Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) will continue to enforce the state Do-Not-Call law to the fullest extent possible.

To register for the Tennessee Do-Not-Call program, call toll-free at 1-877-872-7030, or visit the TRA's web site at www.state.tn.us/tra.